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Enhancement of the administration and financial functioning of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and its relevant provisions,

Recalling the Agreement of 26 June 1947 between the United Nations and the United States of America, approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 169 (II) of 31 October 1947, and the obligations it establishes for the host country,

Taking into consideration the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 18 April 1961, and the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations adopted by the General Assembly on 13 February 1946,

Recognizing the problems that have arisen as a result of the decisions made on a number of occasions by several banking institutions in regard to the closing of some Permanent Missions' accounts and those of their staff members accredited to the United Nations and of their family members,

Noting with concern the difficulties experienced by such Permanent Missions and individuals as a result of such account closures,

Stressing that the Governments of Member and Observer States, the Permanent Missions and their staff, as well as the United Nations at its Headquarters and the agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system should have appropriate banking services for the normal functioning of their facilities in order to discharge their duties,

Bearing in mind the need for the Permanent Missions and the United Nations as a whole to benefit from appropriate banking services based on mutual trust and

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

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respect, especially in the light of the latest actions taken by some banking institutions in this regard,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to review and report to the General Assembly, within 150 days following the adoption of the present resolution, any impediments or obstacles with respect to the accounts opened by the Permanent Missions of Member and Observer States or their staff in the City of New York, and the impact that any such impediments or obstacles have on the adequate functioning of their offices, and, to this end, invites Member and Observer States to provide the Secretary-General with relevant information that will facilitate the elaboration of such a report;

2. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly on the financial relations of the United Nations Secretariat with the banking institutions in the City of New York, in the context of the report mentioned in paragraph 1 above;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, within 120 days of the adoption of the present resolution, to provide Member and Observer States with information on alternative options regarding banking services in the City of New York so as to enable them and their Permanent Missions to adequately manage and maintain their accounts, assessed budgetary contributions, voluntary contributions, transfers and other financial responsibilities directly related to their membership in the United Nations;

4. *Requests* the host country to take, as soon as possible, additional measures to assist the Permanent Missions accredited to the United Nations and their staff to obtain appropriate banking services;

5. *Stresses* the importance of ensuring the confidentiality of the personal data and information of persons affected by the closure of accounts by the banking institutions, invites the host country to submit information on the norms and regulations applicable to the banking system regarding the confidentiality of personal data and information, and requests the Secretary-General to include such information in the report referred to in paragraph 1 above;

6. *Decides* to keep this matter under review during the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly.